## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) An electronic response device <u>other than a personal computer, the</u>

<u>response device configured</u> for interactively responding to programming ~~without connecting~~

~~to a computer network~~ <u>over a standard communication system, the response device</u>

comprising:

        a user input mechanism;

        <u>means for controlling a user's input of a program identifier code for a program</u>

                <u>and a user identifier code;</u>

        a central processing unit (CPU) ~~capable of electronic communications with~~

                ~~said CPU~~ <u>for processing the program identifier code, the user</u>

                <u>identifier code, and response data a user has entered into the user</u>

                <u>input mechanism;</u>

        a power source; and

        a transmitter connected to the CPU.

2. (Currently amended) The electronic response device according to claim 1, wherein:

        the input mechanism ~~comprises~~ <u>is selected from the group consisting of</u> a key

                pad <u>and voice recognition apparatus;</u>

        the transmitter comprises a two-way paging device; and

        the communication system comprises a two-way paging system.

3. (Currently amended) The electronic response device according to claim 1, wherein:

        the input mechanism ~~comprises~~ <u>is selected from the group consisting of</u> a key

                pad <u>and voice recognition apparatus;</u>

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the transmitter is configured to send [[a]] data bursts over standard telephone

lines; and

the communication system comprises a plain old telephone system.

4. (Currently amended) The electronic response device according to claim 1 wherein:

the input mechanism comprises is selected from the group consisting of a

key pad and voice recognition apparatus;

the transmitter is configured to call various telephone numbers each of the

telephone numbers having been associated with a response to the

program; and

the communication system comprises a plain old telephone system.

5. (Currently amended) The electronic response device according to claim 1, wherein:

the input mechanism comprises is selected from the group consisting of a key

pad and voice recognition apparatus;

the transmitter comprises a wireless internet protocol device; and

the communication system comprises an internet protocol system.

6. (Original) The electronic response device according to claim 5, wherein:

the      interenet      protocol      system      further      communicates      with      a

telecommunication system.

7. (Currently amended) The electron response device according to claim 1, further

comprising:

an indicator for indicating the connection status of the electronic response

device to [[a]] the communication system.

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8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (New) A method for receiving and processing responses to programming comprising:

    providing means for identifying a program;

    providing means for identifying an audience member;

    providing a user input device other than a personal computer;

    having the audience member input response data into the user input device;

    transmitting the data over a standard communication system;

    collecting and processing the data at a central location.

14. (New) The method of claim 13 which further includes:

    sending the processed data to a presenter of the program for viewing.

15. (New) The method of claim 14 which further includes:

    having the presenter of the program respond to the audience member.

16. (New) The method of claim 13 wherein the program is selected from the group consisting of a radio broadcast, a television broadcast, an internet broadcast, a satellite communication, an audio tape, a video tape, and a live performance.

17. (New) The method of claim 13 wherein the standard communication system is selected from the group consisting of a two-way paging network, a one-way paging network, and an internet protocol network.

18. (New) The method of claim 13 wherein the standard communication system utilizes telephone lines and equipment and the response data is transmitted by having the user input device call a pre-assigned telephone number associated with the input response data.

19. (New) The method of claim 13 which further includes having the audience member log in to a remote computer system before inputting data into the user input device.

20. (New) A system for receiving and processing responses to programming comprising:

> providing a program identifier for a program being presented;
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> providing a user input device other than a personal computer;
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> having an audience member input response data into the user input device;
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> transmitting the program identifier and the response data associated with a
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> > user identifier over a standard communication system;
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> collecting and processing the program identifier and the response data;
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> routing the response data to a program presenter.

21. (New) The system of claim 20 which further includes:

> having the presenter respond to the audience member.

22. (New) The system of claim 20 wherein the program is selected from the group consisting of a radio broadcast, a television broadcast, an internet broadcast, a satellite communication, an audio tape, a video tape, and a live performance.

23. (New) The system of claim 20 wherein the standard communication system is selected from the group consisting of a two-way paging network, a one-way paging network, and an internet protocol network.

24. (New) The system of claim 20 wherein the standard communication system utilizes telephone lines and equipment and the response data is transmitted by having the user

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input device call a pre-assigned telephone number associated with the input response data.

25. (New) The system of claim 20 which further includes having the audience member log

in to a remote computer system before inputting data into the user input device.

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